

Web Application Security Made Easy Easier

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Practical Web Application Security Facts

- Remediation rates are low, especially for legacy or 3rd-party applications
- Building WAF policy is one tactic, but can also be challenging
- Applications are like snowflakes; no two alike
- WAF ownership varies, and AppSec expertise varies with it
- A WAF is only as effective as the integration with the SDLC process
- Management resources for WAF are often limited

Policy Deployment Options



DYNAMIC POLICY BUILDER

Automatic

- No knowledge of the app required
- Adjusts policies if app changes

Manual

Advanced configuration for custom policies

INTEGRATION WITH APP SCANNERS

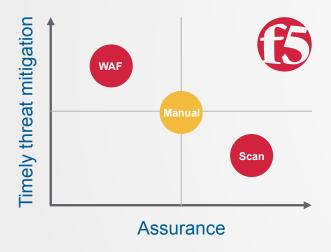
 Virtual patching with continuous application scanning

PRE-BUILT POLICIES

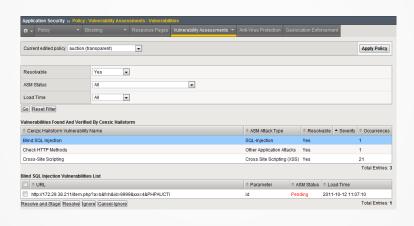
Out-of-the-box
Pre-configure and validated
For mission-critical apps
including: Microsoft, Oracle,
PeopleSoft

Identify, virtually patch, mitigate vulnerabilities

Scan application with:



Configure vulnerability policy in BIG-IP ASM



Mitigate web app attacks



Configuration

Cancel Next..

Application Security » Web Applications » Deployment Wizard : Select Deployment Scenario

Select Deployment Scenario How do you want to build and deploy the security policy? Create a policy automatically (recommended) Deployment Scenario Create a policy manually or use templates (advanced) Create a policy for XML and web services manually Create a policy using third party vulnerability assessment tool output • Select Create a policy automatically if you want the Application Security Manager to build a security policy automatically. This option is good for production traffic or for a QA environment. The policy building process can take a few days, depending on the number of requests sent and the size of the website. • Select Create a policy manually or use templates if you would like to use either the rapid deployment policy or one of the pre-configured baseline security templates. Using this scenario, the system builds the security policy in Transparent mode to allow you to review and fine-tune the security policy. After you see that the security policy does not produce any false positives, place the security policy in Blocking mode. Description • Select Create a policy for XML and web services manually if you are configuring the Application Security Manager to protect a web service. In this case, it does not matter if the deployment is in production or in a QA lab. Using this scenario, the system builds the security policy in Transparent mode to allow you to review and fine-tune the security policy. After you see that the security policy does not produce any false positives, place the security policy in Blocking mode. • Select Create a policy using third party vulnerability assessment tool output if you have a vulnerability assessment tool like WhiteHat Sentinel and would like to build a security policy automatically based on the vulnerabilities found by that tool. Using this scenario, the system builds the security policy in Transparent mode to allow you to review and fine-tune the security policy. After you see that the security policy does not produce any false positives, place the security policy in Blocking mode.

| Application Security » Web Appl | lications » Deployment Wizard : Configure Web Application Properties | | | | |
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| Configure Web Application Proper | ties | | | | |
| Web Application | wh_demo | | | | |
| Application Language | Unicode (utf-8) ▼ | | | | |
| Security Policy is case sensitive | ⊌ | | | | |
| Description | In this step if this is the first time the wizard is running for this application, you can specify the application available, and the system will automatically detect it for you. The system uses the application security checks. Disable the Security Policy is case sensitive check box if the web application is constant. | | | | |
| Cancel Back Next | | | | | |

Configuration



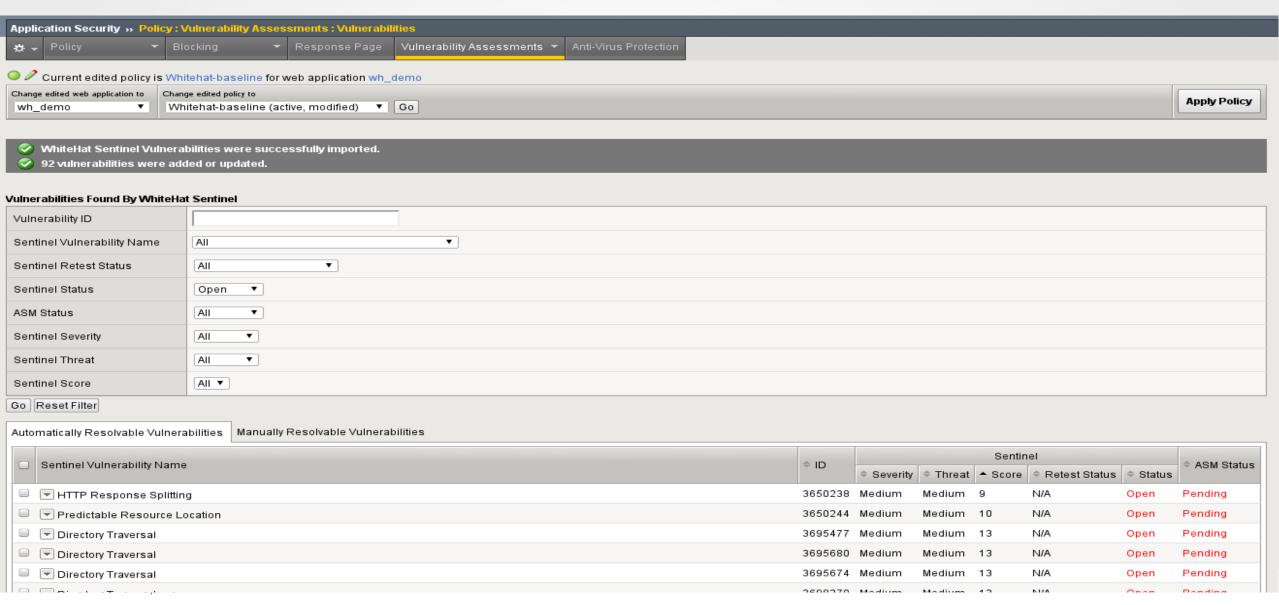


Importing Vulnerabilities

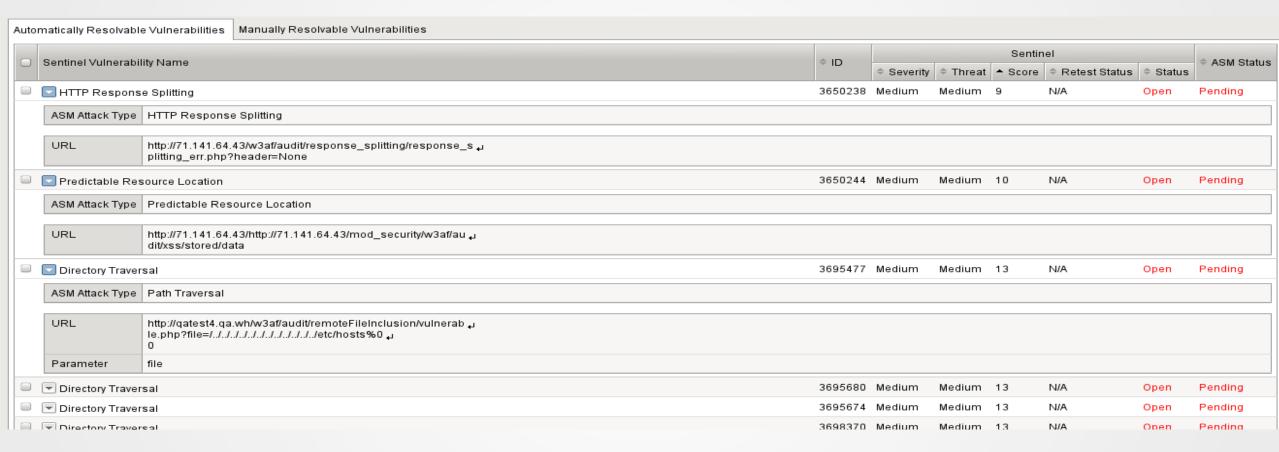




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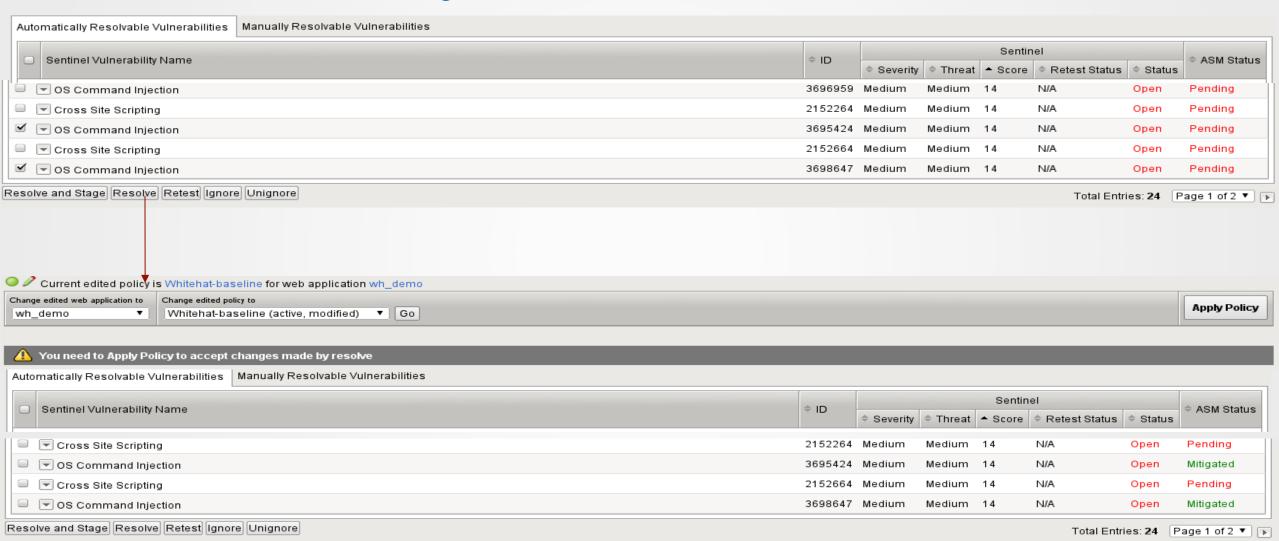
A Deeper Look



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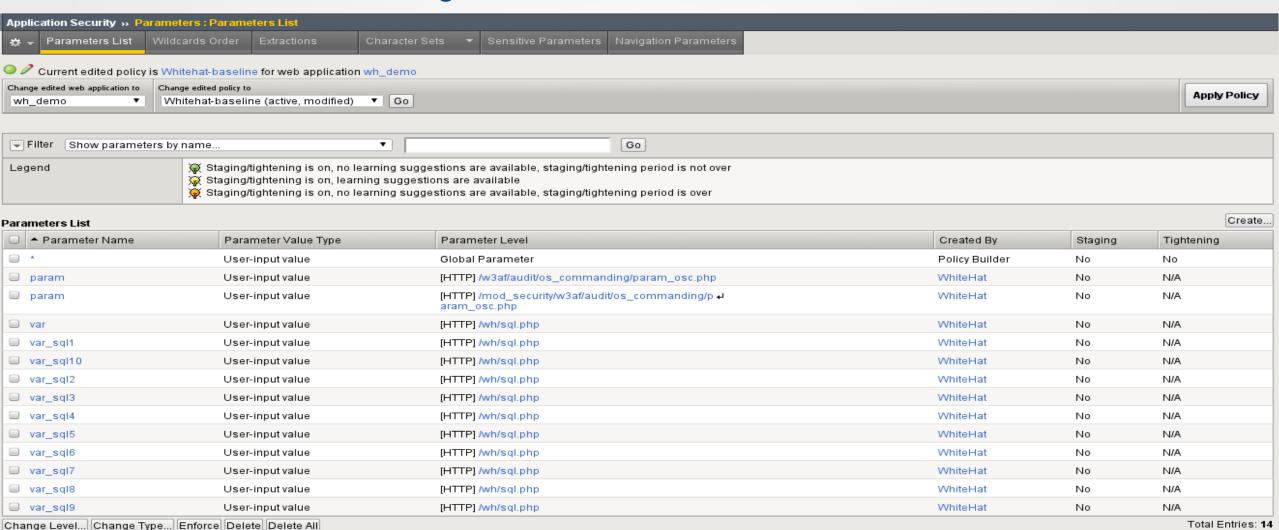
Resolve, Resolve and Stage



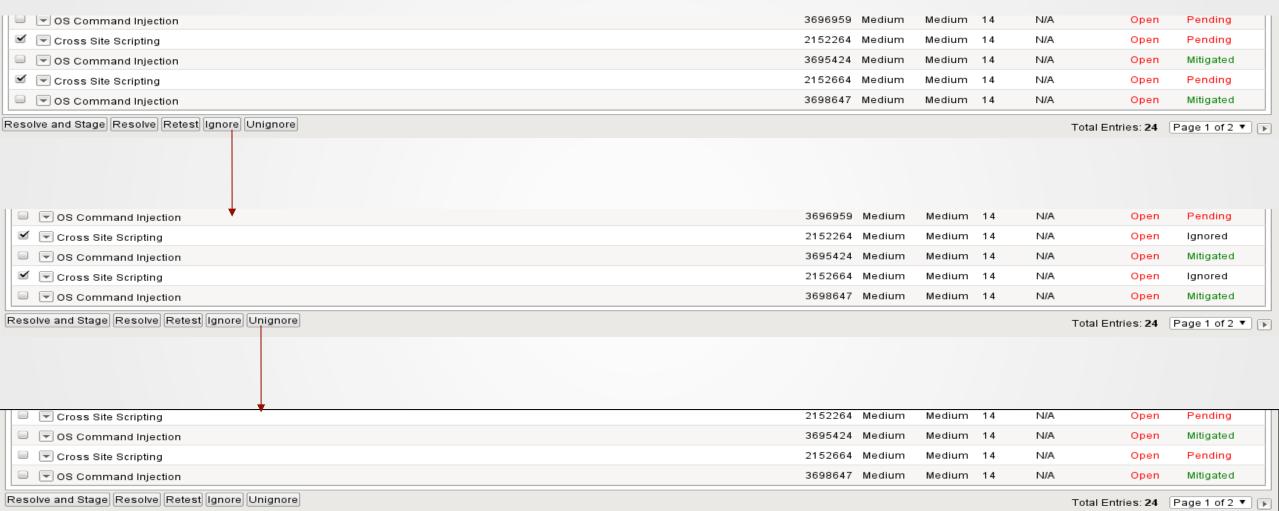
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| ■ OS Command Injection | | | | 3696959 | Medium | Medium | 14 | N/A | Open | Pending |
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| Cross Site Scrip | oting | | | | Medium | Medium | 14 | N/A | Open | Mitigated |
| ASM Attack Type | Cross Site Scriptin | | | | | | | | | |
| URLs | Total: 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| Parameters | Total: 11 | In policy: 11 | In staging: 0 | | | | | | | |
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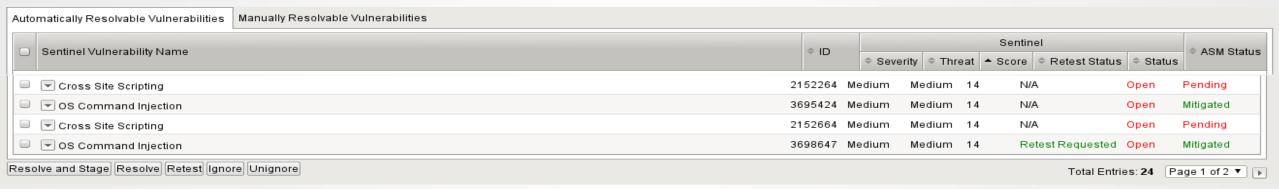


Ignore, Unignore



Retest

- The same attack vectors will be re-sent during a retest.
- Asynchronous



• ... after a couple of minutes ...



Retest

- ASM polls the status of the 'Retest Requested' vulnerabilities each 2 minutes.
- Vulnerabilities are to be retested are queued in the Sentinel. Generally they process in some minutes.
- Can end up with:
 - Opened (vulnerability was not mitigated)
 - Closed (vulnerability was solved)
 - Mitigated (vulnerability was mitigated by ASM)



We couldn't have provided safe remote access to SharePoint without the security F5 offers through BIG-IP ASM. And we don't have to spend hours reviewing thousands of vulnerability log entries in order to configure ASM effectively.

- IT Director, Large US Community College

By deploying F5's comprehensive Application Security Manager (ASM) solution, Aura is now enabling customers to fix its security issues within a reasonable timeframe, and subsequently shield and prevent reoccurrences.

